

KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the 3rd Kelsale-cum-Carlton Biodiversity Action Plan group

Attending

Keith Dickerson (KD, Chair), [REDACTED] Claire Buttle (CB), Chris Burslem (CRB), [REDACTED] Kirsten Hecktermann (KH) and by invitation Gen Broad (GB) – Suffolk Biodiversity Officer (SBIS).

1. Apologies for Absence

[REDACTED] Susan Major (SM)

1a. Personnel Changes

KD informed the meeting that SM had resigned from the group and thanked her for her input.

New member Kirsten Hecktermann (KH) gave a brief introduction to herself and her interest in Biodiversity. She has lived at Curlew Green for 11 years and in Suffolk for 18 years. Her 6.5 acres at her home was managed sympathetically for the benefit of wildlife. KH was welcomed as a new member of the group.

Gen Broad, County Biodiversity Officer, who had been invited by KD to attend, was also welcomed to the meeting.

2. Notes and Actions from 2nd meeting on 1 August 2017

- There were no corrections to the minutes. KD had updated the minutes of the 1st meeting.
- There was some discussion over the use of Dropbox. Some members were experiencing difficulty using it. KD explained that Dropbox was an interim measure as the Parish website was being revised and that the group would eventually have its own page on the new site. He offered to assist JXB with Dropbox. **Action: KD**
- JXB showed the WI 1km square survey map and fixed-point photographs. CRB volunteered to store them on her behalf. **Action: CRB**
- The proposal for the Recreation Ground would be discussed as an agenda item.

- Survey at Mill Farm (Ray Ellis') would be an agenda item.
- Information on the BAP will be published in the forthcoming issue of New Oasis.
- CB reported that the Parish Council were enthusiastic about the BAP.
- JXB reported that [REDACTED] recent open garden at 'By the Crossways' had been successful and she had been invited back to revisit the garden. KD suggested the group survey the garden and this site was added to the list, probably for May 2018.
- It was reported that [REDACTED] Fromus Reserve was seeking new Guardians. KH said that she would be interested in becoming a Guardian and JXB provided a leaflet.

3. Proposals for the Recreation Ground

CB reported that an unmown meadow area, stretching along the Fromus from the main road gate around to the wild area, had been proposed. This is a larger area than that originally mooted, prompted by the decision to remove the sports field goal posts.

It was also proposed to plant three small, native trees and CB suggested that these could be memorial plantings with matching oak plaques. SM had suggested one in memory of Dave Darton and another for Dougie Ruth.

There was some discussion as to the tree species to be selected and GB confirmed that native species were preferable. JB suggested Alder Buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*), foodplant for caterpillars of the Brimstone butterfly, CB suggested Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*), and the group came up with Spindle (*Euonymus europaeus*) all producing berries for birds. CB to source trees and plaques.

Action CB

4. Proposal for Roadside Nature Reserve at Tiggins Lane, Kelsale

JB had produced a discussion document suggesting that in view of their outstanding flora, part of the verges of Tiggins Lane could be designated a roadside nature reserve. This idea was favourably received.

GB reported that the County Wildlife Group responsible for such designations was meeting the next week and that Tiggins Lane would be assessed according to the group's selection criteria. KD asked if the criteria could be made available to the group so that other verges might be considered for protection and GB agreed to furnish a summary of the criteria used.

Action GB

5. Results from previous biodiversity surveys

JB agreed to remind CC about making available the species lists from the notes he took on the group surveys of KD and CBs' meadows.

Action JB

GB suggested setting up a Parish page through [REDACTED] of SBIS on their website. Records could be stored and accessed by the group and others via a password. It was agreed to pursue this option further.

6. Draft list of Biodiversity Action Plan Species

JB outlined the list of plants, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians and invertebrates that had been proposed. GB approved the choice of species. It was agreed that Badger (*Meles meles*) a protected species, should be added to the mammal species.

JB agreed to ask CC for details of a local licensed bat surveyor. **Action JB**

GB advised the group that the Freshwater Habitats Trust was making water quality test kits available for pond surveying. The contact is [REDACTED] via their website.

KD has a SWT barn owl box which had been in an ash tree which had blown down. CB will collect. KD will inform SWT about the change of location for their records.

Action CB, KD

GB said that [REDACTED] (SWT) could advise on siting artificial nest boxes for owls, swift, swallow and house martins. SBIS would appreciate records of priority list species such as Bats, Turtle Dove, Yellow Hammer, Common Lizard and Slowworm.

After discussion it was agreed that little could actively be done to encourage fungi in the Parish, although KH reported that Morels were increasing in her garden.

KD asked if there were any species that had been lost from our area that it might be possible to encourage back. GB suggested a trawl of older records on the SBRC database.

Action JB

7. Habitats

JB outlined the BAP habitats identified in the Parish. Many of the woodlands appear not to be ancient woodlands. Two species-rich ancient meadows had already been located in the present survey.

Ponds - KD suggested that ponds should be added to the master map. JB advised that some were already on the map, but others might be added by consulting Google Earth and using field survey.

Action JB

TPO's - CB provided details of Parish TPO's. JB agreed to add them to the master map.

Action JB

JXB said that there were a variety of different soil types affecting flora etc. GB said Geosuffolk might be able to provide detail on this via [REDACTED]

7a A leaflet labelled 'Red Alert' had been distributed around the Parish by a Curlew Green resident, highlighting land put forward by owners to SCDC for potential development. KD will put the SCDC list of potential development sites on Dropbox.

Action KD

Several other proposed development sites have been identified by the BAP group as having potential biodiversity interest but unfortunately it is too late in the season to undertake biodiversity surveys, gain access permissions and respond by the end of October deadline. It was agreed that the group should respond to SCDC and the PC in general terms, stating that a BAP survey is being undertaken and more

information on biodiversity is urgently required. Individuals are also urged to respond to this consultation. Site 570, proposed for mixed development, had already been visited by JB and CC and found to have high biodiversity potential. Members were relieved to hear from CB that these are the only potential development sites put forward for Kelsale-cum-Carlton in the Local Plan.

JB agreed to prepare draft notes on each of the sites for KD to respond on behalf of the BAP group. **Action JB/KD**

8. Potential sites for future surveys for 2017/18

The following sites were suggested for future survey:

Mill Farm (Ray Ellis') 9th October 2017 10.30am. KD to arrange with Ray.

Rescheduled for 12 noon Thursday 12th October meet at the main entrance.

*******ADDITIONAL SURVEY: CHURCH VIEW BRIDGE STREET Monday 9
October 10.30am.***** Action KD**

2018: Farriers House (JxB's garden), By the Crossways, Cherry Tree Cottage, Thornlands, Maple Farm ponds. Dates tba.

The meeting closed at 21.30pm, the Chair thanking Gen Broad for attending and CB for her hospitality. GB said that she was enthusiastic about the prospects for the group.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4th December 2017 19.00hrs [REDACTED]
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